

A RESOLUTION honoring Sunday, May 5, 1996, as "Ramp  
Festival Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the edible root, the mountain ramp, is one of the traditional symbols of unflagging strength and fortitude characteristic of the residents of the Tennessee mountains; and

WHEREAS, this legendary root, distinguished by odoriferous qualities, is purported to supply unyielding powers believed to have furthered the chivalrous and intrepid deeds of those who have chosen the mountains for their home; and

WHEREAS, it is only proper to honor this superb herb by holding annual celebrations in recognition of its wondrous qualities; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of East Tennessee, and Cocke County in particular, have arranged for an annual festival to be held at Cosby, Tennessee, as a memorial to the late Bert Vincent who was the moving force in originating "Ramp Festival Day"; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event, held in the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountains, has attracted a president of the United States, United States senators and congressmen, governors of Tennessee and other states, state legislators, and many other notable public officials and figures; and

WHEREAS, this event will once again be celebrated on Kineauvista Hill at Cosby in Cocke County on May 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, all true mountain lovers, genuine ramp eaters, and bluegrass music lovers are invited to celebrate with the many East Tennesseans and others who gather at Cosby. This festival is the only one of its kind in the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That May 5, 1996, be honored as "Ramp Festival Day" in the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the governor and members of his cabinet and the members of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly are urged to attend the Ramp Festival of the World on Kineauvista Hill at Cosby in Cocke County, on May 5, 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an invitation to attend this festival be extended by the state of Tennessee to all interested persons wherever they may be.

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